



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING AN OAHU REAL PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu faces increasing operating costs, debt service and retirement and health costs; and

WHEREAS, as the primary source of revenue for the City, real property taxes are difficult to maintain at a stable level while the cost of providing essential services continues to escalate; and

WHEREAS, the City's real property tax system includes numerous classes, exemptions, and credits, many of which may need to be adjusted in order to ensure that the tax burden is shared in an equitable and efficient way for all the people in the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that there is established an Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission ("Commission") to advise and assist the Council by conducting a bi-annual review of the City's real property tax system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall consist of seven members selected by the Council Chair and shall be governed by the following provisions:

- (1) A commission shall be appointed on or before July 1, 2011, and a new commission shall be appointed on or before July 1 every other year thereafter;
- (2) Following the initial appointment of a commission, any vacancy, whether by term expiration or any other reason, shall be filled by appointment by the Council Chair; any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of the term of office shall be filled for the remainder of such term;
- (3) The commission shall conduct a systematic review of the City's real property tax system's classes, exemptions, credits, and minimum property tax, using such standards as equity and efficiency and starting with an initial review of exemptions;
- (4) The commission shall submit its written recommendations to the Council by December 1 of the year in which they are convened and shall dissolve on June 30 of the following year;



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- (5) The commission shall elect a Chair from among its members;
- (6) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum;
- (7) All meetings shall be held in city hall or other public places, be noticed by the filing of an agenda with the City Clerk at least six days in advance, be open to the public, and accept public testimony on all agenda items;
- (8) The affirmative vote of a majority of the membership shall be necessary to take any action, and such action shall be made at a properly noticed meeting open to the public; and
- (9) The members shall receive no compensation for their services;

and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Council Chair and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ernest Martin

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

May 5, 2011
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
C E R T I F I C A T E

RESOLUTION 11-143, FD1

Introduced: 05/05/11 By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: BUDGET

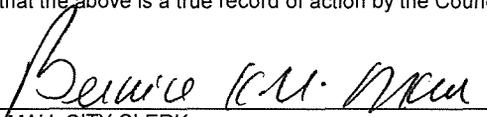
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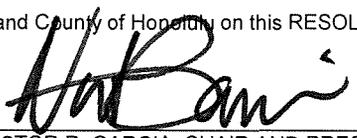
Links: RES11-143
RES11-143, FD1
CR-208

Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

BUDGET	05/25/11	CR-208 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.							
COUNCIL	06/03/11	RESOLUTION AMENDED TO FD1.							
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y	CHANG	Y	GABBARD	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	MARTIN	Y		
CR-208 AND RESOLUTION 11-143, FD1 WERE ADOPTED.									
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	N	CACHOLA	Y	CHANG	Y	GABBARD	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	MARTIN	Y		

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


NESTOR R. GARCIA, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER